## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER

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FROM: NEIL PRICE

**DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL** 

**DATE:** MARCH 28, 2014

SUBJECT: APPLICATION OF ACME WATER WORKS, INC. FOR A

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, CASE

NO. AWW-W-13-01

On June 1, 2013, Acme Water Works, Inc. ("Acme" or "Company") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the Company to operate as a water utility in the State of Idaho. *Application* at 1. Additionally, Acme requests authority to finance new construction through new hook-up fees. *Id.* at 3.

Thereafter, the Commission Staff ("Staff") engaged in a prolonged discussion and discovery process with the Company in order to obtain additional information and business records.

## THE APPLICATION

Acme included a copy of the Company's registration as a corporation with the Idaho Secretary of State. Acme's Application states that the Company's water system consists of "two wells, a 200,000 gallons storage reservoir, distribution mains and fire hydrants." *Id.* Acme provides water service to "a small 260 equivalent residential units (ERU) on 107 lots located in the area of Schweitzer Mountain Ski Resort, in Township 58N, Range 2W, Section 29, Bonner County, Idaho." *Id.* Acme has 20 residential customers and 6 unserviced "stand-by accounts." *Id.* at 3.

Acme's Application includes a plat of Schweitzer Village, the Company's requested service area, in Bonner County, Idaho. *Id.* Acme states that there is "no other existing water system located near the requested service area had capacity or could economically serve the

area." *Id.* Also included in the Application as attachments: a site plan developed by James A. Sewell and Associates L.I.C., Consulting Engineers; Sanitary Survey conducted by the Panhandle Health District in November 2011; Application for Water Permit; estimated cost for utility construction and statement of anticipated annual maintenance costs; Income Tax Statements (2010-2011), Company Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; Company rules and regulations; main extension rules; tariff rate schedules; sample invoice; and notices.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to process Acme's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity through Modified Procedure with a 42-day comment period?

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